

News of the Day.

know say that it has about as much chance as a cat would have in hades without claws.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.

The Countess Cassini, daughter of the Russian Ambassador, is ill in her apartments at the Embassy with a severe attack of gastric fever which resulted from poisoning. The illness was caused by oysters which the Countess ate at a dinner party a week ago. The present trouble bids fair to be serious and will lay the Countess up for some time.

Before the House adjourned yesterday Mr. Rixey introduced a bill to grant Wm. F. Myers, of 333 North Patrick street, Alexandria, Va., late of Company G, Sixth U. S. Volunteer Infantry, war with Spain, a pension of thirty dollars per month. He now receives no pension.

Lawyers to the number of a half dozen are at work on the petition which will be presented to the Supreme Court of the United States after the Christmas holiday, praying for a writ of certiorari in the case of August W. Machen et al. against the United States. Charles A. Douglas, who has been Machen's chief counsel through his long fight for liberty is engineering this last bit of procedure which stands between the former independent of free delivery and prison. The writ of certiorari is the only means by which the Supreme Court can take jurisdiction in the Machen case. The adverse decision of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia last week was final, unless the lawyers representing Machen, Lorenz and the Groffs can prove to the tribunal of last appeal that within the immense record of the seven weeks trial and the voluminous documents attending the appeal there lie questions of law hitherto undecided by the Supreme Court and as so far decided in the present litigation of deep prejudice to the defendants. Such points Mr. Douglas said today do exist.

Henry F. Robertson has been appointed postmaster at Aden, Prince William county, Va., vice James A. Bowling, deceased.

Mr. Rixey, who is urging the House committee on rivers and harbors to recommend appropriations for improving some of the rivers and creeks in his district has received the following letter from Chairman Burton, of that committee: "Your letter of the 8th in regard to Occoquan creek is at hand. This subject will receive careful attention. I have already looked into the situation as regards Aquia, the Lower Potomac and other creeks. I believe the first two are all that are in your district. It is probable that a general appropriation will be made for some half dozen projects. As regards the improvement of the Potomac below Alexandria I fear I cannot offer any encouragement in regard to it. This is not because the project is not deserving but with the limited amount we are now expending I do not quite see how we can reach that locality. I am inclined to think what is most desirable in the river is the widening of the channel, at least that is the most pressing demand for commercial purposes." Mr. Rixey will try and convince Mr. Burton that the widening of the channel of the Potomac is not only desirable but absolutely necessary.

Cornelius N. Bliss, who was treasurer of the republican national committee, during several presidential campaigns, said today regarding Thomas W. Lawson's \$5,000,000 campaign fund story, published in Everybody's Magazine: "William McKinley Osborne, Mark Hanna and John Moore are dead. I have no desire to have an argument over this. The statement is absolutely false." Mr. Ekl Hiocki, charge d'affaires of the Japanese legation during the illness of Minister Takahira, called at the State Department this morning. He said that his government had signed its approval of the proposal of this government for the negotiation of an arbitration treaty, but he was unable to say when the paper would be signed.

Princess Louise.
Berlin, Dec. 22.—Former Crown Princess Louise, the divorced wife of the King of Saxony, today made a desperate effort to see her children, but failed. She arrived at the Hotel Bellevue, Dresden, this morning. She then proceeded to the royal palace and demanded an entrance to see her little ones. The palace guard repulsed her, and a painful scene followed, during which the former princess shrieked repeatedly, "I must see my children. I must get in." She threw herself against the door and tried to break through the sentries. Finally she returned to her hotel. The police have served notice of expulsion on her and she will be sent to the frontier under police surveillance this afternoon. The king, who is absent on a hunting trip, has been notified of the occurrence. The former crown princess about two years ago, eloped with M. Giron, the tutor of her children, but later they separated. The crown prince, who two months ago succeeded his father as king of Saxony, obtained an absolute divorce from Louise, and issued an edict, expatriating his former wife.

In the royal palace in the centre of the city of Dresden on the opposite side of the same square as the Hotel Bellevue, Louise's shrieks attracted a large crowd who cheered her and hooted the palace guard. The timely arrival of the police prevented a crowd from forcibly supporting Louise. The former crown princess turned to the crowd and cried: "I am the rightful queen of Saxony. I have a right to enter my own palace." The crowd shouted back: "Yes, you're our queen. There will be no peace here till you return." Subsequent demonstrations in favor of Louise occurred around the palace and the Hotel Bellevue. The police decree expelling Louise from the country is addressed to the Countess Montignoso, which is now Louise's legal name. Louise entered Saxony from Austria. A strong force of police is now guarding the hotel where Louise is stopping.

Louise wrote a letter to the king from the hotel imploring permission to see her children. The police insisted on her departure from Dresden, which occurred at four o'clock this afternoon. She was then under police escort and will reach the Austrian frontier at 6:30 o'clock, where she will be formally expelled. Renewed popular demonstrations occurred at her departure.

Rolling rapidly down Logan hill, Philadelphia, a monster snowball, fully six feet in diameter, crashed into a party of coasters last night, injuring several and breaking a number of sleds.

MR. STUART'S APPOINTMENT.

The nomination of Mr. J. E. B. Stuart, of Portsmouth, to be United States marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia, to succeed Morgan Treat, mention of which was made in yesterday's Gazette, will be received in Virginia with great surprise. Mr. Stuart, is the son of the famous Confederate cavalry general, J. E. B. Stuart, and it is said at the White House that this fact was a strong argument for his appointment.

Mr. Stuart was endorsed for the place by Representative Sloop, the only republican representative in Congress from the State, and by United States District Attorney Lewis, but did not have the endorsement of the regular organization. His appointment, however, is not considered a blow to the "organization," as it is known that Mr. Treat, the deposed marshal, is and has been for some time inimical to the "organization," which, of course, will not grieve at his downfall.

It is explained at the White House in connection with Mr. Stuart's appointment that it is the intention of the President to appoint to office in the Southern States men of only the highest reputation, who will prove acceptable to all in the discharge of their duties to all the people of the State irrespective of party or other prejudices.

Mr. Stuart's appointment was received with surprise by Chairman Agnew of the republican State committee, who resides in this city, and a dispatch from Richmond says: "The news of the reappointment of President Roosevelt of J. E. B. Stuart as marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia came as a great surprise to the officeholding republicans in Richmond, and leaves them in a unhappy state of mind. The ice once broken, they know not who may be the next to plunge into the frozen waters. Morgan Treat, the present United States marshal, was appointed by President McKinley for a term of four years in 1902, and his commission expires on March 4, 1906. It is, therefore, not an expiration, but a clear case of removal from office. It is not known in Richmond whether any charges were preferred against Treat from that city, but it is suspected, from his intense activity in local politics, that the charge of offensive partisanship may have been made. Mr. Treat had no reason to believe that he would not serve out his term. Members of the opposing faction declare that Treat's resignation was asked for several weeks ago. This is denied in Marshal Treat's office, and the change is regarded as a personal appointment of the President. Mr. Stuart is the son of the famous Confederate cavalryman. Until 1896 he was a democrat, but then voted for McKinley, and since for Roosevelt. He gained the friendship of Roosevelt while captain of volunteers in Cuba, and is now a personal friend and great admirer of the President. A prominent republican outside of the officeholding element declared today it was an evidence of the purpose of the President to build up an intelligent white republican party in Virginia. If it should have been a part of the reported policy of Mr. Roosevelt to win the friendship of the South, he has not selected unwisely, as there is still a large Confederate sentiment that will appreciate such an overtone."

It is said in Washington that the services of Treat as United States marshal have not been satisfactory to the Department of Justice for some time and that two days ago the President directed Attorney General Moody to ask for Treat's resignation. The letter was written, but before Treat had time to reply the nomination of Stuart was sent to the Senate.

It is also said in Washington that neither Col. Sloop nor other Virginia republicans were consulted or knew of the appointment of Stuart, although Representative John S. Wise, of New York, but formerly of Virginia, for whom neither the Virginia democrats nor republicans have any political regard, suggested the selection. Capt. Wise has recently been a visitor at the White House offices.

The appointment of Mr. Stuart and the removal of Mr. Treat were the topics of earnest conference last evening at the Ebbitt in Washington. Col. Sloop was there, before departing in the evening for Roanoke. With him were United States District Judge Waddill and Judge Lewis, now United States district attorney. Marshal Treat also arrived late in the afternoon and talked with the gentlemen mentioned. Neither Col. Sloop nor Mr. Treat was willing to discuss the matter. The announcement of the appointment was a surprise to both of them. Col. Sloop was first apprised of it during a call on the President yesterday morning. When Marshal Treat was asked what he had to say about his removal he replied:

"I do not care to say anything, except that I am advised no complaint has been made in regard to the discharge of my official duties."

Mr. George E. Bowden returned from Washington to Norfolk yesterday, where he went to look into a report that his influence in the distribution of federal patronage soon was to pass to a republican legislative committee to be named by Congressman Sloop and Judge Lewis. Bowden appears to be highly pleased with what he heard while in Washington.

Mr. Bowden declared that he was not aware of the proposal to drop Marshal Treat. Bowden was opposed by Treat at the recent convention and there was political enmity between them.

A dispatch from Newport, N. E. says: "The appointment of Capt. J. E. B. Stuart as United States marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia came as a surprise to him. Mr. Stuart made a fight for the office when Morgan Treat was appointed, but since that time had paid no further attention to the matter, until he received a telegram yesterday announcing his appointment. Captain Stuart had announced himself as a candidate for the office of collector of customs here."

Deafness Cannot be Cured
by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflammation of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Lawson's Warning.

Boston, Dec. 22.—Mr. Thomas W. Lawson put out the following this morning: "Don't be caught in the middle of the street in the next few days. Keep as near the buildings as possible, that, at the slightest warning, you can get under cover. I think I see clouds gathering—gathering rapidly. They may mean only a shower, or a blow—perhaps a cyclone." Mr. Lawson this morning furnished the press with a statement addressed to "Wall street and the public," in which he refers to his story, "Frenzied Finance," and recapitulates many things he had formerly said.

Mine Explosion.

Johnston, Pa., Dec. 22.—Twenty-five persons are reported killed in a mine explosion at Bolivar, sixteen miles west of this place. Several bodies have already been taken out, the majority being Americans.

Today's Telegraphic News

More Japanese Success.

London, Dec. 22.—The Tokio correspondent of the Reuter Telegram Company wires that the Japanese have captured some important positions on Pigeon Bay, to the west of Port Arthur.

London, Dec. 22.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Central News wires that persistent rumors are current in the Russian capital that England and France will shortly attempt to mediate in the far Eastern war. Official confirmation of the rumors is not obtainable.

Singapore, Dec. 22.—Two Japanese warships, apparently converted cruisers, have been seen off Singapore. It is possible that the two vessels are the forerunners of other Japanese warships which will congregate in the neighborhood of Singapore to intercept the Russian Baltic fleet, which will make Singapore the first port of call in the far East. Two Japanese battleships, four cruisers and twelve destroyers passed here, steaming westward. It looks like a concentrated attack on the Baltic fleet vessels when they arrive was being planned.

London, Dec. 22.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister has issued the following report of the fighting at Pigeon Bay: "A detachment our right assaulted and occupied, on Thursday morning, a height to the north of Housanyangtau, near Pigeon Bay. They captured a height on the peninsula in Pigeon Bay, also where one Russian gun of small calibre was captured. The enemy's counter attack on the peninsula was repulsed."

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—General Kuropatkin wires he has received a report from Chinese sources to the effect that the Russians have recaptured 203 Metre Hill outside Port Arthur, and have seized the guns mounted by the Japanese in the forts.

Tokio, Dec. 22.—Only three Russian destroyers at Port Arthur are in a seaworthy condition. A Russian vessel which has been captured, is due at Sasebo today.

Russia's Domestic Troubles.

Birmingham, Eng. Dec. 22.—The Post has a private communication from St. Petersburg, which states that serious trouble is likely to occur unless a constitutional government is forthcoming shortly. In this same connection, the paper is informed that Prince Mirsky, the progressive Russian Minister of the Interior, recently informed his friends that he intended to resign on account of the opposition of the Grand Dukes to his ideas of reform. M. De Witte, the Minister of Finance, and M. Khilkoff, Minister of Railways, dissuaded him, and induced him to remain at his post for the present.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—An anti-war riot was started today by the women of the town of Dombrowa, Poland. The wives of the reservists who had been mobilized, gathered at the town hall, demanding relief from their destitute condition. The police tried to disperse the gathering, but the women charged them with sticks in their hands, and fired a volley of stones. The police were put to flight. The women then stormed the town hall, and captured the mayor. They said they would keep him prisoner till he has agreed to their demands. Cossacks were summoned and drove the women off with knouts, releasing the mayor.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The President of the Zemstvos which assembled recently in the Department of Tehernkoff, has telegraphed the Czar the views of the assembly on the internal policy of Russia and concluded by soliciting amelioration of existing conditions. The Czar was offended at the communication, and personally wrote on the telegram: "I consider the conduct of the president of the Zemstvos to be impertinent and tactless. The question of the government's policy is no business of the Zemstvos assemblies, whose jurisdiction and rights are clearly defined by the laws of Russia."

The Mysterious Portmanteau.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 22.—The mysterious portmanteau belonging to Mrs. C. L. Chadwick, and supposed to contain valuable papers and securities which was taken from the Chadwick home the night prior to the woman's last departure to New York, has been traced to the woman's attorney, Jay P. Dawley. He admits he has the contents and says they are of no value to any court. Witnesses in the bankruptcy hearing before Referee Remington yesterday, told of the disappearance of the portmanteau from the Chadwick home. It was said to be in the possession of Daniel L. Pine, connected with a big machinery plant here. Pine, when summoned before the referee last yesterday, said he "had always supposed" he was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Chadwick, and "had always presumed" his wife was Mrs. Chadwick's sister. He told of a night visit to the Chadwick home to get the portmanteau at the command of Mrs. Chadwick; how he had placed it in a safety deposit box at Earl Hoover, the woman's son, and attorney Sheldon Kurush. Hoover gave it to Attorney Dawley.

Destructive Fires.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Bellevue villa, a summer hotel at Highland, and for several years the headquarters of the Pennsylvania boat crews, was destroyed by fire this morning. The caretaker and his family narrowly escaped with their lives. The loss is estimated at \$35,000.

Millville, N. J., Dec. 22.—Dix's wrapper factory was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. Two hundred girls are thrown out of employment.

Blood of Twenty-three Saves Her.

Vincennes, Ind., Dec. 22.—The heroism of 23 women of Vincennes University is responsible for saving the life of Miss Katherine Organ. Following a surgical operation, Miss Organ suffered greatly from the loss of blood. The physicians, realizing the gravity of the patient's condition, informed her friends. Twenty-three young women bared their arms, from which a quantity of blood was transfused into the circulatory system of Miss Organ, whose life was saved.

A Pleasant Pill.

No pill is as pleasant and positive as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are so mild and effective that children, delicate ladies and weak people enjoy their cleansing effect, while strong people say they are the best liver pills sold. Sold by all druggists.

A box of B. B. Smith's genuine Plantation Cigars will make a suitable Xmas present. Packed in fancy boxes of 25 cigars each.

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Men's Golf Gloves, 25c and 50c
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, 6 in a box 75c
Men's Dress Shirts, plain or plaid; open front or back \$1.00
Men's Silky Fancy Mufflers \$1.50
Men's Umbrellas; silk glorio; \$2 and \$2.50
Shaving Mirrors, 2c to \$3.25
Men's Umbrellas, union silk \$3.25

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Waiting for the Verdict.

New York, Dec. 22.—The final hours of the trial of Nan Patterson, before the bar of justice charged with the killing of Caesar Young, finds the young actress, who will know her fate before tonight, cool and composed, awaiting the verdict of her jurors with perfect confidence in her acquittal. Though the strain of the proceedings has been tense, the young woman, now barely past her girlhood, has stood the ordeal well, and today as she heard the judge's charge, she displayed not the slightest sign of emotion at the passing events which meant life or death to her.

Justice Davis began his charge to the jury shortly before 11 o'clock. He gave a lengthy exposition of the question of reasonable doubt and said that with the question of punishment the jury had nothing to do. Justice Davis spoke of the conduct of J. Morgan Smith and recalled to the jury that the court had excluded all testimony concerning the Smiths, after the shooting, unless it was shown that the defendant was connected with it. "There is no evidence in this case to show that Smith fled. You are not to consider that fact."

The jury retired at 12:30 p. m. At 1:30 p. m. the jurors went to lunch at the Astor House. Nothing could be gained as to the way the verdict would read, but the fact that the jurors have gone to lunch, proves conclusively that no verdict has as yet been reached.

The International Commission.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The International Commission which is to investigate the firing of the Russian Baltic fleet on a number of British fishermen off Dogger Bank, held their opening session in the Foreign Ministry today. The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock and organized with the election of Admiral Fourrier, the representative of France, on the commission, as temporary president. A recess was then taken to await the arrival of Baron Spaun, the representative of Austria who is the only absentee. President Loubet will receive Admiral Charles H. Davis, who will represent America on the commission, at six o'clock this evening. The sitting was subsequently adjourned until January 9th at ten a. m.

Unnatural Baby Dead.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—The baby born on Tuesday with its liver, stomach, spleen and intestines on the outside, but otherwise normal, died yesterday afternoon. It was kept alive with a mixture of sugar, brandy and hot water, although it was known that it could live but a few days at the most. It is likely the body will be presented to the Wistar Institute of the University of Pennsylvania and preserved. It is the only case on record where a child, normal in every other respect, has been born with such a malformation. The father is perfectly willing that the body should go to the Wistar Institute for the benefit of medical science, but the mother hesitates about letting the body be disposed of in that manner.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Dec. 22.—In the early dealings the market suffered from a continuance of the bearish feeling which developed yesterday. Mainly in consequence of the news from Washington, regarding anti-trust agitation in Congress, and on the part of the administration, prices in most instances lost fractions. A little later the market was inclined to harden. The feature of the industrial list was sugar, which rose 14 from the opening. The United States Steel stocks showed considerable advance and Steel and iron was higher. Amalgamated Copper was 1 per cent. down, but soon recovered the loss. The market as a whole is of a holiday character, and little disposition seems to exist to make new commitments.

Willett and Gray, in their weekly sugar trade journal, of New York, tomorrow will say that there will be no extra dividend of any nature whatever declared in January, and that none such is contemplated either in January or at any other time.

See the line of Umbrellas at B. B. Smith's from 50c to \$5. Every umbrella guaranteed.

Startling Evidence.

Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds to be unequalled. A recent expression from T. J. McFarland, of Bentonville, Va., serves as example. He writes: "I had Bronchitis for three years and doctored all the time without being benefited. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all Lung and Throat troubles, Consumption, Pneumonia and Grip. Guaranteed by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons, druggists. Trial bottle free, regular sizes 50c and \$1.00.

If you have a friend and he smokes make him a present of a box of Captain Billy Cigars. None better packed in Fancy Xmas Boxes. \$1 per box.

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Take a double dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as soon as the first indication of the disease appears and a threatened attack may be ward off. Hundreds of people who are subject to attacks of bilious colic use the remedy in this way with perfect success. For sale by Gibson and Timberman and W. F. Creighton & Co.

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The most popular fabrics, imported and domestic, are included, and the quantities sufficient for any style of dress or waist. A most sensible Xmas gift.

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Black Tulle Silk Petticoats, good quality, with deep graduated accordion-plated flounce, finished with narrow ruffle.
\$3.95 each. Value, \$5.

Tulle Silk Petticoats, good quality, with deep graduated accordion-plated flounce, finished with two section flare flounce—black and all the fashionable shades.
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Mare Kneel at Master's Grave.

Seaford, Del., Dec. 22.—When the hostler went to feed Minnie, a mare owned by Jeremiah McNeilly, who was buried yesterday, he found her stall vacant, and a search of the premises still left her missing. Later the faithful animal was discovered kneeling by her dead master's grave in St. Luke's Cemetery.

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Yours truly,
F. W. DEWEY & Co.
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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

stockholders of the NATIONAL TRIPLES HALL ASSOCIATION will be held at the office of the Association, Mr. K. Kemper, 218 King street, Alexandria, Va., THURSDAY, January 5, 1905, at two o'clock p. m., for the election of a Board of Directors and the transaction of other business. The books of the association for the transfer of stock, will be closed for ten days from December 21, 1904. A dividend of six per cent. on the par value of the Hall Association stock has been declared, payable on and after January 2, 1905.
GEORGE W. EVANS, Secretary.
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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

stockholders of the CONSOLIDATED QUARRY COMPANY for the election of Directors will be held at the office of the company, 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., on MONDAY, January 9, 1905, at 3:30 o'clock p. m.

H. P. GILBERT, President,
J. C. PRATT, Secretary.

NOTICE TO GAS CONSUMERS.

Gas bills for the quarter ending December 1, 1904, having been delivered, this is to notify all consumers that the usual discount will be allowed on all bills paid on or before JANUARY 1, 1905. After that date no discount will be allowed, and delinquents will be required to make early settlement. By order of the Committee on Light.

J. B. WALLER, Clerk of Gas.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

stockholders of the SAVINGS MUTUAL BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION of Alexandria, Virginia, will be held at their office, No. 119 south Fairfax street, on WEDNESDAY, January 4, 1905, at 7:30 p. m.

M. B. HARLOW, President,
EDWARD J. FLEMING, Secretary.

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